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AIDS: The War is Lost

The following lecture was presented by Mr. Kramer on April 22 at Bowdoin College. Mr. Kramer has long been a vocal advocate for AIDS awareness and for the rights of people with AIDS. Referred to as "one of America's most valuable trouble-makers," Kramer is co-founder of the Gay Men's Health Crisis, America's largest AIDS service provider, and founder of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP), an activist and protest organization with more than 80 chapters around the world. A renowned author and play-

wright, Kramer's play about the early years of the AIDS epidemic, *The Normal Heart*, holds the record as the longest-running play at Joseph Papp's Public Theater in New York. It has been produced all over America and the world, and is now used as a text in many schools and colleges. The play, and Kramer's novel, *Faggots*, are available in Plume editions, published by New American Library.

Kramer's talents play on the screen as well. His film adaptation of the D.H.

Lawrence novel, *Women in Love*, which he both produced and scripted, received four Oscar nominations, including one for best screenplay. Glenda Jackson won her first Oscar for Best Actress for her performance. Kramer's political writings of the past 10 years have been collected and published by St. Martin's Press as *Reports From the Holocaust: The Making of an AIDS Activist*. St. Martin's published his controversial, *Just Say No, A Play About a Farce*, which is about sexual hypocrisy in government. A graduate

of Yale University, Kramer lives in New York City. His current work includes *The Furniture Home*, a companion play to *The Normal Heart*, and a novel about the last 10 years, which he calls, *Search for My Heart No Longer*. He spends much of his time with the Treatment and Data Committee of ACT UP, which has been responsible for numerous historic changes in federal AIDS treatment and delivery policies.

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A Lecture by Larry Kramer

I am fifty-five years old. When I started fighting AIDS, I was forty-four years old. I don't feel fifty-five years old. I don't feel much older than most of you. That happens to some people, if they're lucky, as they grow older they somehow stay young inside. But I know I must look ancient to you, and I have seen so much that you haven't that I am old in many ways you can't be.

I have discovered over only the past ten years the world is not a very nice

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place and people, all people, are often not very nice. This has not been a pleasant lesson to learn and not one, perhaps, that should be presented to you who are full of hope. You are just starting out on the journey that I started when I left Yale in 1957, before most of you were even born. It makes me feel very old, knowing that I can never be so young again, and so full of hope, as you are now.

I hope you are full of hope and will remain so, even after what I tell you, because hope is the only thing that keeps us alive. Believe it or not, despite everything I know and everything I have been through and learned these past ten years, I still have hope. Even though, as I explain to you, the world has lost the war against AIDS. AIDS HAS WON.

I'm going to put all my statistics up front and try not to give you any more. I've learned that statistics can lie any

way you want them to and, like the government, I have certainly learned how to use them to my advantage. What I am going to give you are a few statistics that can't lie for anyone.

- There is one new HIV infection in the United States every fifty-four seconds.
- There are 267 new cases of AIDS every day, amounting to some eight thousand cases every month.
- There is one AIDS death every nine minutes.
- At least four in every one thousand college kids are now infected.

As for the rest of you, don't feel safe. Please, don't feel safe. The incubation period for the AIDS virus is very, very long. When I first started hearing about and fighting against what was to be called AIDS, there were only forty-one cases. When I first started getting really scared and vocal, there were one thousand. The world is rapidly ap-

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proaching two hundred thousand cases of full-blown AIDS, with up to six million people already infected with the HIV virus. No one knows how many there really are, and no one knows how

to count them. Currently, the group contracting AIDS the fastest in the major cities is heterosexual women. In New York City, the percentage of straight women coming down with AIDS has risen from 3 to 7 percent.

The first one hundred thousand cases of AIDS occurred over nine years.

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The next one hundred thousand cases will finish accruing in only two years. (If the health care system of this country nearly collapsed under the burden of the first one hundred thousand cases, imagine what another one hundred thousand will do.) The worst thing about these numbers is that they're terribly low. The Centers for Disease Control, which keeps the tallies, relies on doctors reporting all their cases. We're discovering most doctors, for various reasons, aren't reporting their cases. They haven't time, or they're protecting their practices or their patients. Thus, all of these figures, which are known to be low, are also known to be imprecise. They're extrapolations based on small samplings from isolated areas or from those cases that are reported to authorities. We also know that large numbers of those infected never see a doctor.

I'm going to try not to give you any more statistics. Well, one more statistic: By the year 2000, the World Health Organization estimates that, the world over, there will be twenty million people infected with the AIDS virus. I'll give you another statistic—an important one,

but the last one, I promise: One out of four households in America has now been somehow touched by AIDS, which is an awful lot of grieving families—grieving very silently.

AIDS, the epidemic turned plague, need not have happened. Enough people knew from the very beginning what would occur unless measures of warning and education were taken immediately. But because AIDS was then striking down mostly gay men, the forces of bigotry were powerful enough to prevent such measures from being taken. Indeed, ignorance and intolerance still prevent such measures from being taken.

AIDS has taught 25 million gay sons and daughters a frightening lesson. Many of their parents don't want to take care of them when they become ill.

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In fact, this country will do almost anything rather than pay attention to AIDS: It will not educate or support adequate funding for research and treatment; it will not do anything to lessen the cost of what meager treatments do exist, which

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Letters --

ACT UP: An Open Letter to the Membership of ML/GPA

The members of ACT UP/Maine would like to commend the ML/GPA, under the guidance of then-president Diane Elze, for its courageous decision not to endorse anti-choice Maine legislative candidates in the last general election. We in ACT UP/Maine believe very strongly that misogyny and homophobia are intrinsically linked and that those forces which seek to restrict women's access to safe and legal abortions are the same forces which would deny constitutional civil rights to the gay population of our state. We believe that the issue of reproductive freedom and the issue of gay civil rights are interrelated since both involve the rights of an individual to choose what she or he will do with her or his own body and that these rights are not often found distinguishable by opponents of sexual and reproductive freedoms. The right to reproductive freedom, like the right to sexual freedom, must be unabridged under any and all possible circumstances.

Gay men and lesbians know all too well the levels of violence which permeate our society. Given the rampant sexual violence which is directed toward women, both lesbian and straight, women must have their rights protected to terminate a pregnancy which might result from so unacceptable though commonplace an act as rape. And

the right to decide when and if to bear children impacts directly on the lives of the relatives and friends of gay people. We must fight diligently for the rights of others about whom we care and those who share our struggle. Misogyny, AIDSphobia, anti-semitism, racism, ableism and all forms of prejudice directly impact on the gay community, as we are at least ten percent of the overall population and thus a part of every oppressed group in this society. We must always be conscious that when these groups are threatened by discrimination their gay and lesbian members are threatened by the same oppressive forces.

Many lesbian and straight women have fought diligently and contributed a great deal to bring an end to the AIDS epidemic. The gay community must seize opportunities to repay those efforts by fighting just as hard beside them for the rights of women to control their reproduction.

It is our understanding that factions within ML/GPA have asked that your organization recant, that ML/GPA reconsider its decision not to support anti-choice candidates because of the repercussions within the Maine state legislature pertaining to the gay civil rights bill. We respectfully recommend that the initial decision be held fast. ACT UP/Maine believes that those legislators who withdrew their sup-

port for the bill because ML/GPA refused to affirm their anti-choice positions were never true allies of the gay civil rights movement. Had they been genuine supporters, their positions on issues concerning sexual and reproductive liberties would not have been so at odds and so full of glaring contradictions. Further, true allies of our movement would not have, with such enthusiasm and alacrity, withdrawn their support for the Maine gay civil rights bill.

We in ACT UP/Maine believe we must send an irrefutable message to the Maine state legislature that no one's constitutional rights, particularly those concerned with sexuality and reproduction, should be denied. And that anti-choice barriers to abortion access will never be tolerated under any circumstances any more than we would tolerate concentration camp "quarantines" of people living with AIDS and ARC, or anti-gay, anti-sex sodomy laws.

We believe that these are not separate issues but part of a larger issue that involves government intervention in the personal and private lives of individual citizens who do not live out a version of the myth of mainstream American life. Oppression, persecution, and discrimination should never be tolerated by the gay community at any level.

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OUR PAPER is published monthly by the OUR PAPER volunteer collective. Our purpose is to serve as a voice for Lesbians and Gay men in Maine. We wish to be a source of information, support, and affirmation, and a vehicle for celebration by and for members of the Lesbian and Gay communities. We want OUR PAPER to reflect our communities diversity as well.

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Dear Our Paper:

Please feel free to publish the following letter for your York County readers. This was sent to the editor of *The Budget Saver*. On the outside of the envelope I put a "Heterosexism can be cured!" sticker:

April 19, 1991

Dear Ms. Phillips,

I was very upset by your editorial decision several months ago refusing to print a paid advertisement for the group named Gays and Lesbians United. I regret that your apparent homophobia interfered with your business decision.

Since the time I was told by Julie Earl of your refusal to do so, I have told as may

gays and lesbians as possible of your decision, two of whom advertise in your publication.

My understanding is your decision was based on your fear of losing advertisers. Do you realize how many of your advertisers are lesbian, gay or gay-ok? I hardly think so, based on your decision.

Ms. Phillips, lesbians and gays are your employees, friends, neighbors, and maybe even some of your relatives. We have a valid place in this community. Your decision to publish a paid ad for our group would have recognized that.

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OOPS!

The article on SHARP in *Our Paper's* May issue incorrectly stated that one of the national organization's founders, David Lamb, was gay. He is not. And SHARP did not "originate" in Portland, Oregon; that is where the national headquarters are located.

Also, when the writer stated that SHARP was not "a strictly gay organization", it might have implied that it either could or should be. SHARP is open to everyone, and is no more than what the membership makes it.

Our apologies also to Michelle Palardy, who was not given credit for the photograph which accompanied the SHARP article.

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Guest Contributor

MARKING SKINNER

by Chloe Dane

The party was seven nights after the rape. Though then I didn't think it had affected me, I wondered when I would stop counting the days after so obsessively.

"There's blood on your neck." It was one of those empty girls trying to start up a conversation with me. Though it sounded like a spear cutting through the dense party air, I pivoted and saw that it was yet another feeble attempt, with a weak smile in front of it and a column of quivering nerves behind it. I obliged.

"It's o.k.. It's not mine." I turned away before I could get rude. My own rudeness was not something I approved of. It was always something that just came out too quick, a reflex. Like if a mosquito flew into my mouth and before I even knew it was a mosquito, it was writhing on the floor in a bubbly circle of spit. Both could get people to raise a nostril in disgust, especially all those empty girls. It's bad enough I called them girls and not women. They didn't seem mature enough. They were like clones, they took refuge in the womb of a singular safe look and language. What was secure to them was profoundly frightening to me. Freshman year it seemed as if I was reciting my name, hometown, and major to the same girl over and over. I thought I was losing my mind until I learned to identify them by their teeth. See? The rudeness again. They probably store thoughts of me in the section of their brain reserved for spiders, polyester, and waking up with dents in their hair.

I turned to search for Anne. She must have been bleeding, an obvious incident of negative karmic return for breaking the rules. We took the forbidden path in the woods between our dorm and the boys dorm. (We called them boys then because they still seemed to be holding on to adolescence intimately, like a lover.) to get to the party. One of the girls in my dorm had been raped there the weekend before. Sister Mary Helen prohibited any of us 'girls' from using the path day or night in a bombardment of announcements: verbal, written, and telepathic. The messages never **really** reached us. Away from home we were immune to such orders. We had shed obedience like dead skin.

The path was definitely 'the road less travelled' now that it was forbidden, we decided. It was a road my high school English teacher had urged me to take as I recall. We galloped down the trail in a frenzy of sarcasm and defiance. Visibility was nearly zero-zero. Darkness throbbed through the tunnel of trees, tattling leaves above and rattling roots underfoot. The moon was a crescent joke, a spat fingernail of light. Though we lifted our feet dramatically high as we ran so as not to catch them in the roots of darkness, Anne misjudged a space of invisibility and her body bumped the earth. The sound, like an evil vacuum, sucked from me a glut of euphoria. I stopped and listened to a silence not very much like most silences. It was a three

dimensional still life of the color black. Suddenly a scrambling of dead leaves. It was the same sound of my reoccurring dream of a Cheshire cat gone wild, racing in rabid circles around me in some foreign forest. I wholly expected to see Anne's white teeth advancing toward me in a hideous smile. Instead she clumsily bonked into me, then proceeded desperately and blindly feeling my face with her hands to see if it was me. It was.

We separated as soon as we entered the hall where the party was. Anne off to find a beer and I to verify that this party was indeed just like any other party there ever was at the college. There should be a six foot tall fat boy with a funnel down his throat, adams apple conducting an assembly of deep hoots from fraternity boys. Then around the corner there should be three girls huddling, the one in the middle will be drunk and crying, the other two will be comforting her while looking for a ditch route. Meanwhile the entire place will be surrealistically dotted with rising and falling red Sweetheart plastic cups filled with whatever makes it happen baby.

Trevor spotted me from across the hall. He lifted his red plastic cup above jelled, moosed, and sprayed heads and moved toward me like he was on his way to light the Olympic flame. They moved

their heads in unison (like a strip of cilia) to follow the brown flesh flashing out of his tank top. Their eight eyes moved to the worn blue bulge in the center of his Levis, then to his steamy brown eyes and back down to the bulge. They turned and saw that I was his destination, I of the makeupless face, the limp hair, and glib pose. Four faces contorted the same way, the same time, a pure definition of mass confusion. Then under the bleating of Duran Duran's 'Hungry Like A Wolf' I heard the familiar s's and sh's of "How does she do it? How does she do it?"

"Hi Trevor, how's it going?" I say to him while I look around for Anne.

"Real good. Real good. Clutch party, huh? Clutch. Hey, heard you scored the winning goal today. No! Heard you scored all the goals! Ha, excellent stick Gretch." Trevor put his red cup to his face and emptied it into his mouth. The girls watched.

"Ya, truth. I can't help it if our offense sucks. Oh hey, I talked to Maya for you. You can forget her. She's practically gone. Her parents are transferring her because of that rape thing."

"Well, screw that then. How about...Castine Helm? You know the one who had a squirrel go up her skirt in front of the post office. You pointed her out to me and said she was screaming like a

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Business Profile -- The Quiet Earth Restaurant

by Paul B. Duff

My quest for the best in gay-friendly cuisine brought me new delights last month. The Quiet Earth Restaurant provided me with not only a unique assortment of tastes to choose from, but a great dining experience. Located at 122 Cottage St. in downtown Bar Harbor, The Quiet Earth is a must for anyone vacationing or traveling in the Blue Hill/Mount Desert Island area — in fact, the trip would be worth making just for dinner at the Quiet Earth and a sunset from atop Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park.

Though The Quiet Earth is new to the Bar Harbor area, its owner Bobbie Lynn Hutchins is not. A fourth generation native of Bar Harbor, Bobbie Lynn has a long and impressive resume of restaurant triumphs to her credit. She started her first restaurant in 1976 in Old Town, Maine. The Natural Foods Guide to New England hailed her first venture, called "Fig O' My Heart," as "New England's finest vegetarian restaurant." Bobbie Lynn is also known for operating Betty Jean's Restaurant in Bar Harbor, and for cooking at both the Left Bank Cafe in Blue Hill and Town Farm

Restaurant in Bar Harbor.

Over the years Bobbie Lynn has developed a unique cuisine which has become her trademark. She describes her cooking style as "eclectic ethnic" — international cuisine that contains peasant influences to create a distinctive, hearty fare. Perusing



the menu, one has the feeling that Bobbie Lynn is fluent in the tastes of the world, but that she crosses borders freely as she creates flavorful combinations uniquely her own. The menu at The Quiet Earth features many vegetarian dishes, an array of sea-

food selections as well as several poultry choices.

The atmosphere at The Quiet Earth is delightful. Bobbie Lynn has managed to create a comfortable, homey environment which is as suitable for special occasions as it is for impromptu dining. The decor is simple and clean — wooden booths and tables, white-washed walls, white lace curtains and a select assortment of classic shelf and wall dressings make one feel that one has escaped the bustle of downtown Bar Harbor. A soothing assortment of music — including folk and wimmin's music — complements the restaurant's serenity.

Beer and wine are available and smoking is prohibited to enhance your dining pleasure. Bobbie Lynn is able and willing to cater to your specific needs — whether you're celebrating a special occasion or have dietary restrictions — a phone call several days in advance is usually sufficient. In general, The Quiet Earth is pleasant, comfortable and accommodating.

The Quiet Earth Restaurant is a gold mine for those dining in Bar Harbor. It is only slightly more costly than the town's

fine budget eateries (Ryan's Pizza, E.P.I.'s Sandwich Shop, Miguel's Mexican Restaurant and O'Henry's) and yet it has every bit as much atmosphere and flair in food presentation as the town's "fine dining" restaurants (The Opera House, George's, The Porcupine Grill and The Bar Harbor Inn).

Open for dinner Wednesday through Sunday, The Quiet Earth is also open for Sunday brunch. Brunch features more of Bobbie Lynn's unique creations and is a delightful change from the eggs-pancake-bacon-sausage fare served elsewhere. For more information on dinner and brunch menus and daily specials, give a call at 288-3696.

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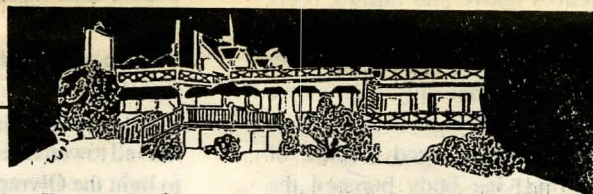
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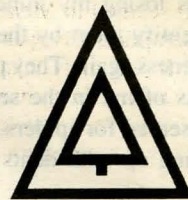
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Gone With The Wind came out in 1939. So did Scarlett O'Hara. Despite wars between the actors, the war between the states, discrimination, poverty, chaos on the set, and those damn Yankees, Gone With The Wind remains one of the greatest lesbian love stories of all time.

What? You heard me. Just look at the relationship between Scarlett and Melanie! Two Southern women who did not let some little old thing like the Civil War distract them from their true purpose - to stay together till death did they part. I'm not saying it was a perfect relationship!

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The occasionally-ruthless Scarlett could not get enough of Melanie, a woman whose overwhelming goodness and purity would gag Mother Theresa. Melanie, a passive manipulator, loved the fire and spunk of Miss Scarlett - or should I say Ms. Scarlett. Scarlett was raw passion and daring - a woman who wouldn't let the death of her kleenex-husband, old what's his name, keep her from hitting the dance floor. Scarlett purged the demons in her soul through Melanie's sanctuarial and ever-forgiving nature. Melanie grew closer to Scarlett through these encounters, dipping into the dark side of her desires, and playing her like a finely tuned instrument. Intelligent and hungry for adventure, Melanie became weak and helpless when Scarlett showed signs of straying from "Tara Firma." While Scarlett kept cashing in her very soul to the devil when it seemed to Melanie that her work in Redemption 101 was through. It was sadistic. It was masochistic. In other words, it was a *successful* marriage!

Any married person knows exactly what I mean. Just switch around a few words;

"lawnmower" for "hoop skirt," or "grocery shopping" for "cotillion" and you'll find you've probably had similar, if not identical, conversations with your mate. For those who swear their relationships are nothing but a walk in the park on a sunny day: think back to the last time the two of you tried to install a bathroom faucet, or check for radon in the basement.

Melanie and Scarlett had to play the game, of course, and those false-front, billboard marriages provided the perfect cover-up.

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You could just see the personal ad in the Atlanta Daily!

Needed: one Southern gentleman, pref. charming, backbone of silly putty, indecisive and seldom home a plus. No yankees. Respond to Ms. Melanie, temporarily staying at Tara.

Needed: one gambling rogue, morals of a viper, yankee okay, workaholic and seldom home a plus. No sex. Respond to Ms. Scarlett, Tara.

Both came up with a close approximation to their desires following the weeding-out of a few rejects, and then basically ignored them save for the occasional interaction necessary to keep the wondering public happy. When it came to the really juicy issues, those women came together like thumbtacks and a magnet.

Scarlett did lapse into a straight period, during which time she gave birth to the required child only to find that she had won Rhett Butler to look at every morning for the rest of her life, plus the responsibilities of motherhood. She spent money like a drunken sailor, argued with Rhett, and became a public scandal. Denial. Pure and

simple. We all know where Scarlett was when Melanie had her child. Verbal thrashings aside, Scarlett was the one true and dependable support in Melanie's life. Right to the end.

So what about Ashley and Rhett? Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.

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Some people may argue my viewpoint, but when you're a lesbian, you take it where ever and when ever you find it. The pickings can seem pretty slim at times! A little creative thinking can help to eliminate that creeping feeling that there really are less than 72 other lesbians on the planet.

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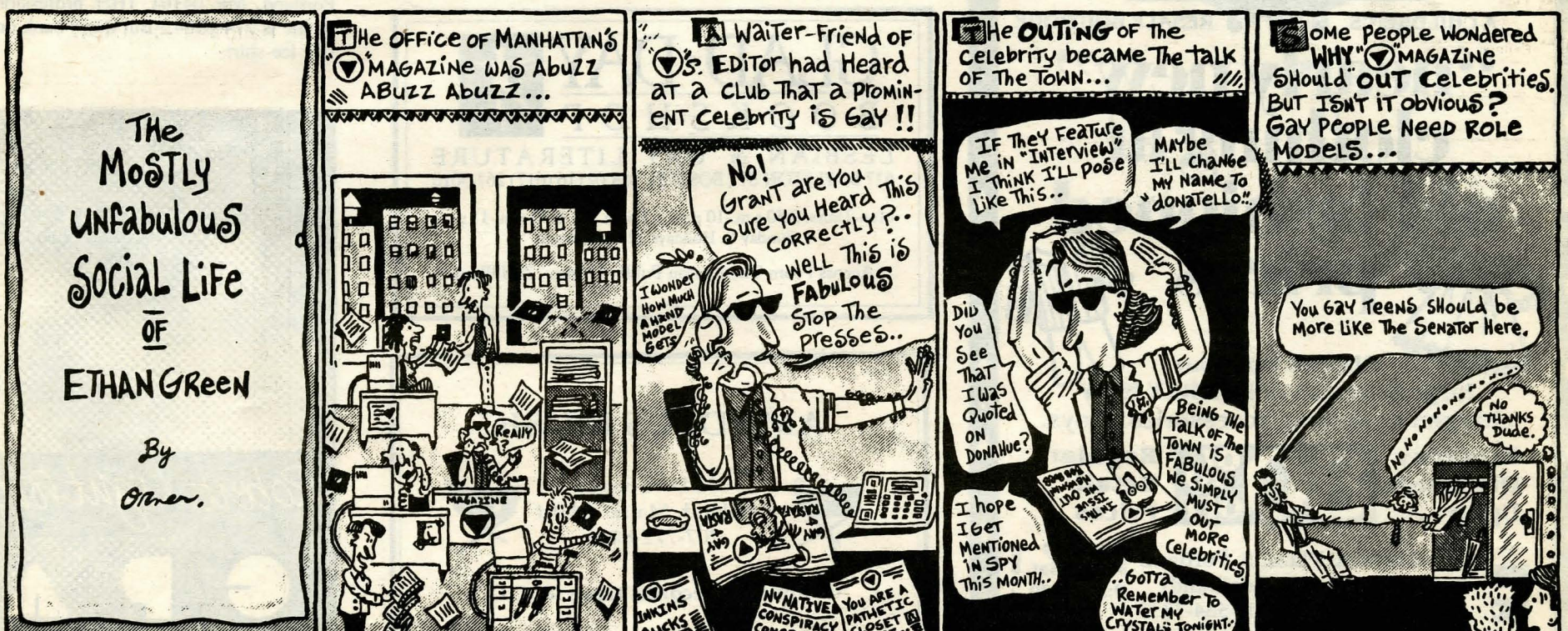
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LESBIAN LEADING LADIES

Gone With The Wind came out in 1939. So did Scarlett O'Hara. Despite wars between the actors, the war between the states, discrimination, poverty, chaos on the set, and those damn Yankees, Gone With The Wind remains one of the greatest lesbian love stories of all time.

What? You heard me. Just look at the relationship between Scarlett and Melanie! Two Southern women who did not let some little old thing like the Civil War distract them from their true purpose - to stay together till death did they part. I'm not saying it was a perfect relationship!

Valero-2 Lesbian Leading Ladies

The occasionally-ruthless Scarlett could not get enough of Melanie, a woman whose overwhelming goodness and purity would gag Mother Theresa. Melanie, a passive manipulator, loved the fire and spunk of Miss Scarlett - or should I say Ms. Scarlett. Scarlett was raw passion and daring - a woman who wouldn't let the death of her klenex-husband, old what's his name, keep her from hitting the dance floor. Scarlett purged the demons in her soul through Melanie's sanctuarial and ever-forgiving nature. Melanie grew closer to Scarlett through these encounters, dipping into the dark side of her desires, and playing her like a finely tuned instrument. Intelligent and hungry for adventure, Melanie became weak and helpless when Scarlett showed signs of straying from "Tara Firma." While Scarlett kept cashing in her very soul to the devil when it seemed to Melanie that her work in Redemption 101 was through. It was sadistic. It was masochistic. In other words, it was a *successful marriage*!

Any married person knows exactly what I mean. Just switch around a few words;

"lawnmower" for "hoop skirt," or "grocery shopping" for "cotillion" and you'll find you've probably had similar, if not identical, conversations with your mate. For those who swear their relationships are nothing but a walk in the park on a sunny day: think back to the last time the two of you tried to install a bathroom faucet, or check for radon in the basement.

Melanie and Scarlett had to play the game, of course, and those false-front, billboard marriages provided the perfect cover-up.

Valero - 3 Lesbian Leading Ladies

You could just see the personal ad in the Atlanta Daily!

Needed: one Southern gentleman, pref. charming, backbone of silly putty, indecisive and seldom home a plus. No yankees. Respond to Ms. Melanie, temporarily staying at Tara.

Needed: one gambling rogue, morals of a viper, yankee okay, workaholic and seldom home a plus. No sex. Respond to Ms. Scarlett, Tara.

Both came up with a close approximation to their desires following the weeding-out of a few rejects, and then basically ignored them save for the occasional interaction necessary to keep the wondering public happy. When it came to the really juicy issues, those women came together like thumbtacks and a magnet.

Scarlett did lapse into a straight period, during which time she gave birth to the required child only to find that she had won Rhett Butler to look at every morning for the rest of her life, plus the responsibilities of motherhood. She spent money like a drunken sailor, argued with Rhett, and became a public scandal. Denial. Pure and

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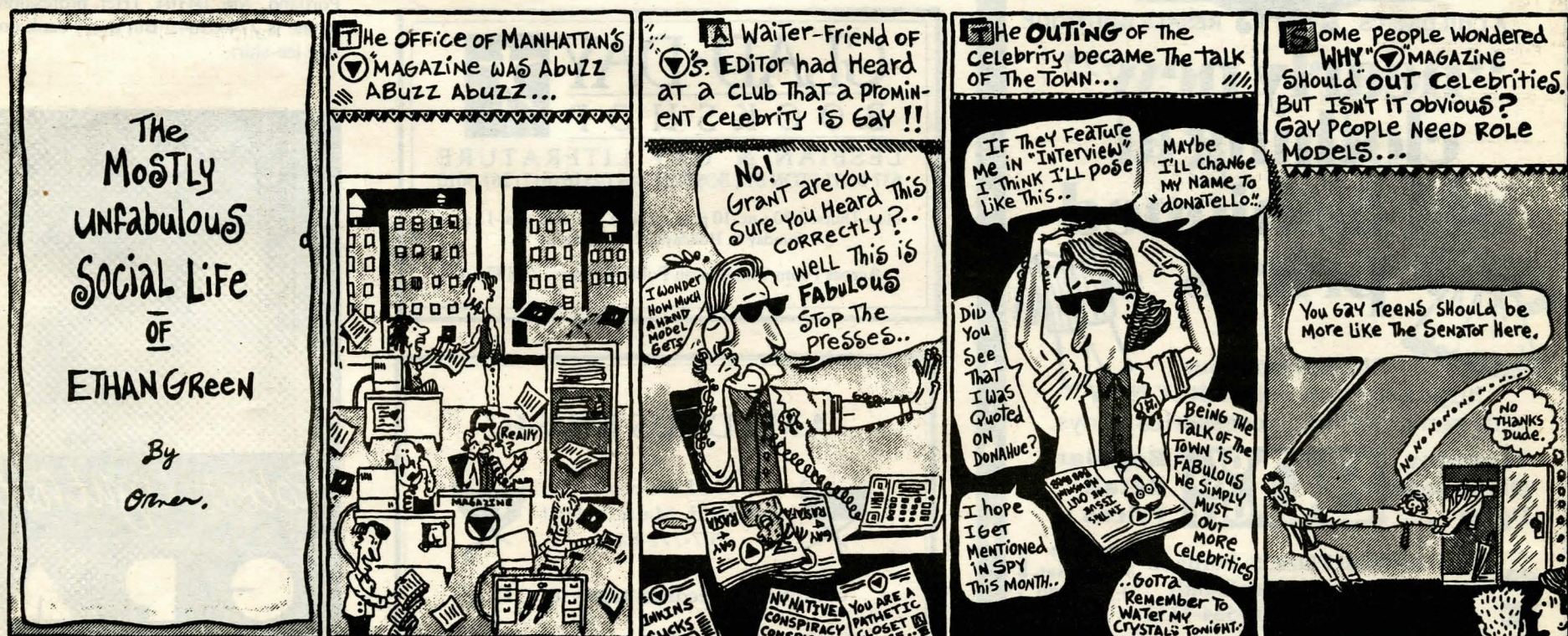
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Judge Oliver J. Gasch, during a hearing in his Washington courtroom on a motion by the government to keep Steffan from getting access to government documents that would support his case, called the discovery request burdensome. When Steffan's attorney objected, Gasch said: "The most I would allow is what relates to his plaintiff, not every 'homo' that may be walking the face of the earth at this time."

A few moments later, Judge Gasch suggested that Steffan's lawyers may have presented insufficient evidence to support one of his discovery requests. "On what basis do you contest (Steffan's dismissal from the Academy)?" Gasch asked Steffan's attorney Marc Wolinsky. "On Mr. Steffan's affidavit," Wolinsky replied. Gasch said, "That he's a 'homo' and knows other 'homos', is that it?"

One of Steffan's attorneys, Sandra J. Lowe of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said that the judge's remarks may have violated the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct, which prohibits judges from displaying bias on the basis of sexual orientation.

Lowe said: "The judge's repeated references to Steffan and other gays as 'homos' was particularly inappropriate in a landmark civil rights case challenging discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation."

Steffan noted that the difference between "homosexual" and "homo" is as great as that between "negro" and "nigger".

Activist Elected in Texas

Longtime gay activist Glen Maxey became the first openly gay person to win a seat in the Texas State House on March 2nd. He was sworn in by Gov. Ann Richards on March 6th.

Maxey, 39, is head of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas. He said he was "absolutely upfront" about his gay identity during the campaign.

"Not until an openly gay person stands at the front of the House chamber and talks about prenatal care and the issues of senior citizens do we really take our full place at the table of public policy-making in this state," he said.

Maxey credited his decisive victory to "20 years of coalition building," including work in the women's community on choice and child care issues, work with the Democratic Party, and leadership in union groups.

Protest Letter Ignored by White House

The White House has issued a perfunctory reply to the letter signed by Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass) and 39 other lawmakers protesting the military policy of excluding lesbians and gays.

Frederick McClure, the President's assistant for legislative affairs, last month wrote Studds that the letter had been forwarded "to the appropriate Administrative officials for their careful review and consideration."

Studds said that he was "less than overwhelmed" with the White House reply.

Gay Games IV Announces International Logo Competition

Gay Games IV announces an open competition for a new logo. The Games, with the theme of Unity '94, is an international event uniting athletes, cultural participants and spectators in New York City during the summer of 1994. Gay Games IV will be the largest amateur athletic event on earth in 1994 and will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, the beginning of the modern gay movement.

The logo must include the words "Unity '94" and work with or without the words "Gay Games IV". The design should reflect the theme of unity and may also include references to gay and lesbian athletes, gay and lesbian symbology or the location, NYC. The overall look should be clean and contemporary, work large or small, and in color or black and white.

The winning design will be used on all Games promotional materials, merchandise, exhibits, and event venues. Winners will receive a "Lifetime" membership to Gay Games IV, including tickets to special events, and samples of all Games merchandise using the logo. The panel of judges will include celebrity judges as well as design professionals, and the winner will be announced at a special kick-off party in the fall.

The deadline is July 4, 1991 and there is a limit of 5 designs per entrant. For more information and an entry form, please write to Logo Competition, NY in '94, P.O. Box 202, Times Square Station, New York, NY 10036. Everyone is encouraged to participate and good luck!

New Rights Laws in Two Cities

City councils in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Stamford, Connecticut, passed laws last month to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Cincinnati law, passed by an 8 to 1 vote on March 13th, covers only city employees and services and also prohibits discrimination based on HIV infection, marital status, and Appalachian regional origin.

The bill was championed by former Cincinnati Mayor Bobbie Sterne and is considered the precursor to a bill that will seek coverage in the private sector.

The Stamford law, passed March 4th on a 27 to 9 vote, is also limited to city actions. The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights and the local chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays successfully pushed for the bill.

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San Francisco Okays Health Benefits for Partners

The Health Services Board has approved a medical insurance plan that would cover companions of unmarried city employees, a benefit long sought by the lesbian and gay community of that city.

The vote came two months after the city began registration of unmarried gay and straight couples as "domestic partners."

"I've waited ten years for this," said Matt Coles, a gay rights attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union. Coles proposed the domestic partners health insurance plan in 1981.

The domestic partners health insurance plan is contained in an overhaul of insurance rates which will shift some of the cost to individuals.

Opponents of the plan argue that it violates the city charter and that such a change in the health insurance program can only be approved by the voters. Coles said he expects a legal challenge to the plan, scheduled to go into effect in July.

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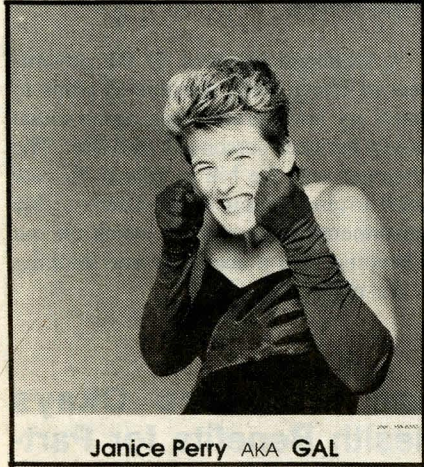
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Performance of Gertrude Stein's epic love poem *Lifting Belly* by Linda Hollander at Cafe No in Portland at 8:30pm.

June 8

Military Women Summer Luncheon. Starts at 10:00am at the Scarborough Veteran's Home, Rt. 1, Scarborough. Tickets \$10. For more information or registration call 439-6573.

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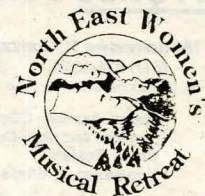
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are so expensive that most people with AIDS simply can't afford them; and it will not exert pressure on the second president in a row who pretends that AIDS—ten years into a plague—isn't even here and refuses to put someone with brains in charge.

— Can you imagine: A plague is raging and no one is in charge?

— Can you imagine: a war without a general?

— Can you imagine: parents killing their own kids!

— Can you imagine: In a time of plague only minimal, sporadic, uncoordinated research is being conducted by mostly second-rate yo-yos or, for the most part, not even being conducted at all?

— Can you imagine: Lifesaving drugs (some even owned by the government) are priced so high that most people who desperately need them can't afford them?

— Can you imagine: no endorsement of full-scale education, safe-sex guidelines, or condoms.

— Can you imagine: The second compassionless U.S. president in a row refuses to put anyone in charge (as he did immediately for scandals involving illegal drugs, HUD, savings and loans)?

Bush appointed another in a long line of useless Secretaries of Health and Human Services, a compliant Surgeon General (getting rid of Dr. Koop, who was an exceptionally useful one); and he has removed the head of the Food and Drug Administration just when, miracles of miracles, the man was beginning to do something effective.

— Can you imagine: So far, \$1 billion has been thrown away on a government-supervised network of local hospital treatment centers, which for five years now has simply not worked, functioned, or gotten off the ground?

God forbid they should test anything but their beloved AZT, which has produced a 50 percent increase in lymphomas among those patients who manage to survive it. God forbid they should run studies on any of the 50 to 100 drugs backed up in the NIH pipeline or on a combination of therapies, or test treatments for the opportunistic infections that kill most AIDS patients, or acknowledge any treatment from abroad. God forbid they should test drugs not manufactured by the companies that have just about every principal investigator at every hospital, university, medical center, and government agency on their payrolls as "consultants." (Talk about "conflict of interest!" Just about every AIDS investigator receives fees from one or more pharmaceutical manufacturer.)

We are hardly closer to a cure than we were five years ago when this system was set up to research and locate the cure for AIDS. As matters now stand, 20 million people are going to die. One of the top NIH AIDS experts, Dr. Samuel Broder, has said publicly that he believes AIDS can be cured. Yet every impediment imaginable is being placed in the way of our receiving this cure.

Why?

Because AIDS is still thought of as a gay disease. Even though AIDS affects predominantly heterosexual people in Africa and infection rates among

straight cases in this country continue to slowly rise, it has served the conservative rightwing agenda in America to maintain that AIDS is a gay disease. "Faggots" are this era's "kikes" and "niggers." An officially sanctioned scapegoat to sow hatred seems, historically, always to be necessary in this country and this world. As it's now illegal to discriminate against Jews and blacks, let's go after the "queers."

Gays also keep congress inordinately busy. Former Senator Gordon Humphrey offered amendments two years in a row denying federal health care funds to any organization that used the terms "normal, natural, or healthy" to describe homosexuality. Senator Armstrong offered a broad amendment to the Americans with Disabilities Act, which protects people with AIDS, to remove protection for gays whether they had AIDS or not. Senator Jesse Helms got an amendment passed that requires all government-funded safe sex materials to in no way mention, illustrate, or discuss

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homosexuality or the ways gays have sex. Way to stop a plague, America. Thanks, Mom and Dad.

I have a friend in ACT UP who is twenty-two years old. He is very sick. He's from a small town in Massachusetts. I asked him: "How did you get infected so young? Didn't you know what was going on? Surely word must have reached your town to be careful." Yet he told me, he hadn't known anything about AIDS when he made love those first few times. When I meet kids like this, on their way to death before they even know life, I want to force people like Reagan and Bush, Cardinal O'Connor and Mayor Ed Koch, and Jesse Helms and Abe Rosenthal to come face-to-face with these kids who are going to die because their leaders refused to allow the country to be educated and warned.

On Wednesday, November 15, 1989, at 7 P.M., in Springfield, a young student organizer led a candlelight vigil at Southwest Missouri State University in support of my play, *The Normal Heart*. While he led the vigil, a group of local bigots burned down the house where he lived. Springfield is the home of the Assemblies of God, a fundamentalist religion. *The Normal Heart* is about how and why AIDS was ignored from day one. It shows two men kissing. It shows two men getting married. It shows one person losing the person he loved most in the world. In six years and over six hundred productions, in-

¹The editor of the New York Times during those first years the newspaper, whose motto is All the News That's Fit to Print, refused to write anything about AIDS.

cluding ones in Russia, Poland, Israel, and Catholic Ireland, there has never been an incident. (Indeed, in Ireland, the government thought the play was such a valuable educational tool it paid for the production.) The play is used in many colleges and schools as a textbook. It's been chosen to be one of three plays to inaugurate the new Romanian National Theater. But in our

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own wonderful country, a Missouri state representative named Jean Dixon, used the same argument against the play that Helms used to remove from the Corcoran Gallery in Washington an exhibition of work by the gay photographer, Robert Mapplethorpe. This argument contends that taxpayers' money must not be used to "promote" homosexuality. Talking about something is evidently equal to promoting it—as though people don't have their own minds.

(When told about the fire, Jean Dixon professed sadness but claimed the student leader, Brad Evans, was a "Satan worshipper." After insisting on studying the bodies of his two cats killed in the fire, she then proclaimed that she thought he was into animal sacrifice as well.)

There are 25 million gay people in the United States, which is no small number of taxpayers. Twenty-five million gay men and lesbians have every right to see our lives dramatized, photo-

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graphed, painted, filmed, exhibited, read about, promoted, and protected. We have a right to be taken care of when we are ill just like white heterosexual middle-class men, the ruling class in this country. Indeed, the American Revolution was fought over just this issue: taxation without representation.

So let's not talk about "the rights of taxpayers to determine how their money is spent," as Rep. Pat Williams of Montana did, referring to heterosexual taxpayers. And let's not take any more polls about whether "taxpayers" or editors of Newsweek or viewers of Entertainment Tonight approve of gays. It's illegal to take polls about whether people approve of Jews or blacks. (If these polls were taken, I think Jews and blacks would lose.)

Let's not trot out that old chestnut: Gays are abnormal. Twenty five million is too large a number to be caused by anything but normal statistical differences. Don't claim, as Rep. William Dannemeyer has in his recent book, that

homosexuals can change (we can't and wouldn't want to if we could) so aren't entitled to their rights. Jews can convert to Christianity but, either way, they're protected against discrimination.

When a black kid is murdered in Bensonhurst, or a Jewish kid gets mauled in Brooklyn, or fourteen school kids are killed in upstate New York in a tornado, the law and the media appear in droves. Gays are murdered regularly and no one is there at all. The FBI in Missouri refused to investigate who burned down Brad Evans' house. No reporter has ever asked Reagan or Bush a question about AIDS at a presidential press conference. Way to stop a plague, America. Thanks, Mom and Dad.

I seem to have spent a lot of time talking about hate and discrimination, rather than about AIDS. But then it has taken me ten years to realize that AIDS, in every possible way, is a metaphor for hate—the hatred of the ruling class for the minority. This minority now includes not only gays but also Hispanics, Africans, and Afro-Americans; women and children; people who take drugs; men and women who prefer not

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to get married; and women who find themselves selling their bodies for money. Somehow this mixed salad of people is tossed together and, instead of being heralded (as this country and its leaders are always so proud of proclaiming) as part of the big wonderful "melting pot," the "rainbow coalition," the "thousand points of light," or the "gorgeous mosaic" that makes America brave and great and strong and true, they are relegated to that now-hateful category of minority: the expendable ones. The ones who can be left to die. The ones who can be *intentionally* left to die.

For make no mistake, I now know that intentional genocide is going on. Otherwise so many people would not be left to die. Otherwise the leader of a country would put somebody in charge of a plague. Quite simply, some bookkeeper has discovered that it is cheaper to let us die than to try to save us, to keep us alive.

You think research is going on full speed, no-holds-barred, all stops out at the National Institutes of Health, once thought of as the most famous, the premier science and health facility in the world? There are twenty-nine vacancies for scientifically-trained personnel at the Division of AIDS at NIH. Nine of these are for department chiefs. But no one is being hired, because of a hiring freeze. No one was applying for these jobs, anyway, because people make so much more money working in the private sector. Why would anyone who is any good want to work at the now second-rate NIH? Way to stop a plague, George Bush. (By the way, George, twenty-five thousand Americans have died from AIDS since you took

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office. Oops, another statistic. Well, it just slipped out.)

I am only telling you what six federal studies and more than fifty congressional oversight hearings have all told the president: The research on AIDS is uncoordinated. No one is in charge. And you thought there was major research going on in Washington toward finding a cure? No sir. No ma'am. One billion dollars is being flushed down the toilet at the National Institutes of Health, where no one is in charge of AIDS and where there are so many committees and committees within committees and peer reviews that it is truly impossible, and unnecessary, for anyone to ever have to make a decision.

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— Can you imagine: A system is set up so no one has to make a decision? That is what has happened to government in our country.

It's also how the Holocaust—the big one of Jews, gays, and gypsies in Europe during World War II—was allowed to happen: Good men and women just did their jobs. Good family men, who had families to protect and were part of huge bureaucracies, were only following orders from someone higher up. The great philosopher, Hannah Arendt, whom I hope you are studying and revering, has written about this most specifically in her book, *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*.

In America, yet another holocaust is going on. Good men and women with families to feed, who are part of huge bureaucracies, keep their jobs by doing—or not doing—what their superiors instruct them to do. The superior at the top, the president, tells them nothing, so nothing is really being done. Even though these good family men and women know that more and more people are coming down with and dying from AIDS. I asked Dr. Anthony Fauci, who is in charge of choosing and testing new AIDS treatments for our government and who has been called "a hero" by Bush, if he has told the president how awful everything is. Fauci said you do not talk to the president that way.

This is how Hitler's henchmen followed his orders.

By now you are thinking this is sounding farfetched, and I am crazy to compare our presidents to Hitler. I beg you to locate another book, in addition to books by Hannah Arendt. This one is called *Modernity and the Holocaust*, and it was written by Zygmunt Bauman, a Professor of Sociology at the University of Leeds. It is published here by Cornell University Press. This book contains the first full academic explication of a theory I have held for a long time and wrote about in my own book, *Reports from the Holocaust*. Bauman takes my theory a step further. He maintains—God help us all—in the modern world, holocausts are inevitable. Modernity, the progressive triumph of modern civilization or the determination by some to create more perfect worlds, has brought with it systems of bureaucracy that generate calculated bureaucratic moral indifference on a grand scale. Bureaucracy, of course, does not reward competence and originality, only compliance. Bauman's conclusion is that society now functions to render moral norms inoperative, rather than to enforce them.

That is what has happened here. A society that hates gays has allowed them to become this decade's Jews. Just as Jews were joined in extermination by others who were not Jewish, so gays are now joined by many, many others who are not gay. Yet no one condemns this event. Morality and moral norms are not operating. Just as the world sat by while millions of Jews and others were murdered, so this same world is sitting by as millions of gays and others are murdered.

"By the way, George, twenty-five thousand Americans have died from AIDS since you took office. Oops, another statistic. Well, it just slipped out."

Let me illustrate: Three, almost four years ago, when ACT UP found out that government research—despite the appropriation by congress of sufficient funds—was not going on, I decided I had to go to Washington and try to unravel the trail that led from the White House to the various agencies. I had naively believed, because the money we'd fought for so desperately for so many years had been appropriated, something was being done with it. ACT UP had discovered it wasn't; the system

of official AIDS treatment centers the NIH had set up was receiving millions and millions of dollars (\$47 million at that time, it's now up to a \$1 billion) and had nothing but vacancies. Hospitals that were supposed to be treating two thousand people were treating ten. I am not exaggerating. Hospitals, like

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I believed that the NIH would be spending this money. For three precious years I and others sat by and waited for their results, thinking they were doing their work. How many dear friends died while we sat by so lazily not paying attention, not having the energy or courage to get on the phone and inquire politely: "Please, sirs, can you tell me what you're doing with all that nice money congress gave you?" How could we have been so lazy and irresponsible and trusting? Gay people, of all people, should know better and know when not to trust. Where were we all? Where were all our gay and AIDS organizations? Where were our people in Washington? Where was I? For I blame myself more than I blame anyone else. I had trusted too!

My first meeting was at the White House, with the president's domestic policy adviser, a man named Gary Bauer, who advised Reagan on AIDS. (It's an awe-inspiring experience to actually walk up and into the White House. Past the gates, past the guards, and into that very place itself. I grew up in Washington, and my father worked for the government, so perhaps it meant even more to me as a symbolic act.) Gary Bauer is a small man with untrustworthy beady eyes. He is so slight and dainty I thought for a moment, succumbing to a stereotype, that he might be gay. Then I thought: No, he was called "sissy" growing up and now hates anything related to gays because he was always thought to be one. I had read and heard the many awful things he'd said about gays, about AIDS being God's revenge on us. Yes, someone who worked for the president actually said things like this publicly.

It was a most peculiar interview. I was coming for help, but I knew he loathed me and my people. He knew I had access to the media (indeed, my interview had been set up by *Newsday*) and he could no longer say the hateful things he'd said before he worked at the White House. I asked him if Reagan was intentionally ignoring AIDS, and he answered that Reagan had not seen enough evidence that the Black Plague was going on; therefore, it was receiving sufficient attention. He was particularly interested to hear from me that current evidence indicated the gay male population of the major cities was on its way to becoming totally exposed to the virus. I asked him why the President had refused to put anyone in charge, to appoint an AIDS czar. He told me the president was the AIDS czar. I asked him why the president had not read either Surgeon General Koop's Report on AIDS or the National Academy of Sciences AIDS report, both of which were then almost a year old and both of which begged for immediate all-out action. Bauer responded that the chain of command dictates that, in matters of health, the president talk only to his Secretary of Health and Human Serv-

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ices, then Dr. Otis R. Bowen. Bauer referred to AZT as ACT and made perfectly obvious to me that he loathed homosexuals. (Indeed, he now works for something called the Family Research Council and appears quite regularly on TV shows as a hate-monger.) This man was Reagan's AIDS adviser to a president we now know was ruled by his advisers and wife.

Continuing my journey through the bureaucratic labyrinth; I was told Dr. Bowen, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, wouldn't see me. He was Reagan's third Secretary of Health and Human Services, and he was supposed to be in charge of all AIDS. During his entire term of office, he was never heard to say publicly one thing about this disease. The Secretary of the main department of your government in charge of AIDS—the one man who can report to the president on the state of

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the nation's health—had never been heard to say anything about AIDS, and this was the beginning of the seventh year of this plague.

There is now no question in my mind that both Gary Bauer and Dr. Bowen, who was ruled by Bauer as Ollie North and others were ruled by John Poindexter, probably never bothered to tell the president anything, feeling in their heart of hearts that they were performing acts the president would approve. Gary Bauer made it clear to Bowen that AIDS was not a top priority to be discussed with the president or anyone else.

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Do you think things are different now? The new Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Louis Sullivan, has actually opposed the AIDS Research Bill. The Bush cabinet is much better on rhetoric than the Reagan cabinet, but just as do-nothing behind the scenes. Dr. Sullivan has been surrounded by a staff of protective right-wingers. Of all places in the cabinet, the Department of Health and Human Services is one of the most tricky. This is the department that deals with abortion, and Dr. Sullivan, very early on, put his foot in his mouth—if you remember—by favoring abortion, then backtracking. This act terrified the White House and they surrounded him with a staff so conservative AIDS is rarely spoken of either.

I was allowed to meet with the Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services under Reagan, Dr. Robert Windom, who'd never worked in government before. He was a private physician from Sarasota who came to Washington because he contributed \$55,000 to his idol's campaign fund. A top legislative congressional aide described him to me this way: "If his I.Q. were any lower you'd have to water him."

You laugh—yet Dr. Windom was in charge of our lives! An uncaring dumb stooge who knew next to nothing about AIDS was in charge of my life and in charge of your lives, particularly the two or three or four or five or six of you in this audience who are already infected. (Dr. Windom reported to Dr. Bowen, who reported to Gary Bauer, who reported to the president.)

Dr. Windom had an assistant named Dr. Harmison, who also wouldn't see me. It was well known that Dr.

Harmison did not like gays. My gay congressional contacts, and we have many gay people working on the Hill, described Dr. Harmison to me as "evil." "You cannot say enough bad things about Lowell Harmison," I was told by more than one person. I was also told his biggest fear was that gays would donate blood in order to intentionally pollute the nation's blood supply. (Dr. Harmison reported to Dr. Windom, who reported to Dr. Bowen, who reported to Gary Bauer, who reported to the president.)

Bauer, Bowen, Windom, Harmison. These were the four top men in charge of AIDS in the U.S. government, the government of all the American people. Two bigots, one not-very smart man, and one coward. I knew more about AIDS than any of them. Indeed, any one of you here who reads the newspapers and watches TV knows more about AIDS than any of these four men.

Next I went to the National Institutes of Health. The NIH looks like a college campus, very picturesque. It's made up of twelve institutes, which are sort of like dorms or frat or sorority houses, all part of the whole and very manicured and lovely. The NIH receives some \$7 billion each and every year to look after the health of the American people. To Improve the Health of the American People is the wording of its charter. During his entire tenure, the then-head of the NIH, Dr. James Wyngaarden, was never heard to speak out publicly about AIDS: the biggest plague of modern times, a transmissible virus infecting a new person every single minute, and the man in charge of the nation's health never said a word about it. (Dr. Wyngaarden

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Ten years ago, when AIDS was first noticed, you would have thought NIH would jump on it fast; yet this is what happened. You would have thought that because there was a cancer involved, called Kaposi's sarcoma, research on AIDS would have gone to

the institute in charge of cancer, the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. The NCI is the richest fraternity at NIH. In 1981, when AIDS first showed up and should have gone to NCI, the head of this rich fraternity, Dr. Vincent T. Devita, didn't want it. He blackballed AIDS research. He had \$1 billion of research money "to improve the health of the American people." Yet Dr. Devita, who resigned

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in 1987 to take a job running Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York at a reported \$400,000 a year (which is the kind of money you can jump to from a government job paying \$80,000 a year if you are a good bureaucrat who is compliant and obeys, who never makes any waves) knew AIDS was a smelly political hot potato. So he passed the buck to a poor relation, the much smaller National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which had a budget only one-fourth NCI's. This institute was then run by Dr. Richard Krause, who I believed was a closeted gay man terrified of being discovered. He didn't want AIDS at his institute either. When his frat had no choice but to accept AIDS, he quit.

Krause was replaced by the man who is in charge now and who probably has more to say about AIDS and my life, and the lives of all of you who are in danger, than any one person in the entire world. His name is Dr. Anthony Fauci. (Dr. Fauci reported to Dr. Wyngaarden, who reported to Dr. Windom, who reported to Dr. Bowen, who reported to Gary Bauer, who reported to Reagan.)

Dr. Fauci now reports to Dr. Mason, who reports to Dr. Sullivan, who reports to John Sununu, who reports to Bush. The names may be different, but the effect is the same. Dr. Mason is a Mormon, a religion that particularly dislikes gays. Dr. Sullivan is surrounded by his conservative right-wing staff and John Sununu. President Bush is still not being informed. Are you beginning to see what Hannah Arendt and Professor Zygmunt Bauman mean when they talk about the banality of evil and how holocausts can happen and are bound to

happen in this modern bureaucratic world? All it takes is one person somewhere high up in the chain of command who hates, and everything and everyone else just falls into line all the way down to the bottom of the heap.

Professor Bauman put it very bluntly: "When the modernist dream [of creating the perfect society, a racist concept by the way] is embraced by an absolute power [although Bauman was talking about Hitler, make no mistake Reagan and Bush operate effectively under absolute power] able to monopolize modern vehicles of rational action [the press, public opinion] and when that power attains freedom from effective social control [a weak media, or one controlled by conservative forces, as ours is] and the non-interference, the passive acceptance of those things by the population at-large genocide follows."

"All these factors and forces are fully 'normal.' They are constantly present in every modern society and their presence has been made both possible and inescapable by those processes which are properly associated with the rise and entrenchment of modern civilization."

"I grew up worshipping Roosevelt; he was the man, the president, the humanitarian, who could do no wrong. American Jews, particularly, worshipped him. What blind fools we were."

Nobody here is really saying: Go out and kill the gays and the blacks, the Hispanics and the junkies, the prostitutes and the illegitimate kids, and the unwed mothers. But, in fact, that is what they're implying and what is really happening.

We now recognize that Franklin Roosevelt did less to save the millions of European Jews from their deaths during World War II than was realized at that time or for many years afterward. Two distinguished books go into great detail. *While Six Million Died* by Arthur D. Morse came out in 1967, and *The Abandonment of the Jews* by David S. Wyman, a professor at the University of Massachusetts, came out in 1984. Both books are devastating to read. I grew up worshipping Roosevelt; he was the man, the president, the humanitarian, who could do no wrong. American Jews, particularly, worshipped him.

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What blind fools we were. Morse put it quite succinctly: "Since [Roosevelt] was afraid that the Jewish issue was a political liability, he helped to doom European Jewry by inaction even as he proclaimed America as the asylum for the oppressed." The man in Roosevelt's government responsible for the Jewish "rescue" issue was named Breckinridge Long. According to Wyman, Long does not appear to have been "overtly negative to Jews simply because they were Jews." He does not appear to have been anti-Semitic. What is clear is that his was the desk at which all help, all suggestions, all possibilities to save Jews stopped. Nothing proceeded any further, to any superior, or to Roosevelt. He performed the same services for Roosevelt, sweeping a particularly uncomfortable issue under the rug, that Gary Bauer performed for Reagan and that John Sununu performs for George Bush.

The AIDS issue is as much a political liability to Bush as the Jewish issue was to Roosevelt. Every glimmer of progress on AIDS—in funding, in leadership, in responsibility—has been dashed in the office of John Sununu. This is not opinion; this is fact. By ignoring AIDS, the former governor of the state of New Hampshire has become a party to murder.

This is how a *New York Times* reporter described George Bush, on Monday, October 29, 1990: "... a prisoner of his presidential staff and the information and strategy they funnel to him." Don't tell me it can't happen here.

So what do we do? One American in five personally knows someone who has AIDS or is HIV positive. (Oops, another statistic. Forgive me.) That means one out of every five of you with

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me here knows someone who has AIDS or is HIV positive, which is an awful lot of silent Americans, an awful lot of Americans who are grieving silently.

So, what do we do? Lie down and die? Many people do. Most people do. It's very hard for minorities to organize. They have enough trouble existing in this world as it is. Many of them are very poor. A lot of them don't speak English. Most of them are, in one way or another, afraid. Life is very terrifying for many, many people. That's why it's so easy to kill off so many of us. That's why it's so easy to evict us, or cut our benefits, or eliminate our social programs. Cut, cut, cut, and trim, trim, trim. Most people are afraid to fight back. Most people don't like to make waves. Most people don't understand they have power. Yet, the Constitution gave us power. (It always amazes me when I tell people they have power and they answer: "Power? Me? What power?")

Your voice is your power, your collective voices, your group power. Names all strung together on membership lists are power. Bodies all strung together in a line are power.

I know it's not easy, that it's harder than ever. The fight against the entrenched by the dispossessed is never-ending and exhausting. Shortly after I came back from that fateful, awful trip to Washington, I formed ACT UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, and we have bodies all strung together in a line and we have loud, angry, obnoxious voices. In almost four years we have achieved considerable power. I also know that many of us are extremely tired. I also know that more and more of us are getting sick and dying faster than we replenish our ranks. I also know that AIDS is getting worse and

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worse. In New York City, now, you cannot get into hospitals and emergency rooms; you find dead bodies in doorways.

I used to think that ACT UP could save the world. If there was an ACT UP in every city and on every college campus, the system would have no choice but to respond. By a similar fashion this country was extricated from the war in Vietnam, by a growing grassroots movement that grew and grew. I see ACT UP growing, but I see AIDS growing faster. There are already more people dead from AIDS than died in Vietnam.

You are all still so young and, though, I feel young and not much older than you, I know I am not. I know my body is now infected with HIV, and my dreams are nightmares that I didn't have when I was your age. I know I am very tired, and I know that my fellow fighters in ACT UP chapters around this world are tired. I fear for the future of twenty million people unless, by some miracle in some laboratory somewhere, a cure is discovered soon.

I don't know what it takes anymore to rouse you to join this fight or to realize that it is the most important fight in the world today. You must put aside or combine this with other fights which, perhaps, appeal to you more—fights for civil rights and equal opportunity, pro-choice, and anti-smoking. Whatever is important to you, I ask you to fight for that and AIDS. A transmissible virus is going around, and nothing is stopping it. While I have talked to you, some sixty new people have become infected; some five people have died; and two or three, or four or five, or six of these new infections are in college students, young men and women just like you, perhaps you....

I wonder if you can put yourself in the place of my young friend, Mike, who is only one or two years older than you are and who was graduated just a year or so ago from Ohio State. He is smart—very, very bright—and very handsome too. He has everything in the

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world to live for. He was graduated and went out into the world filled with hope, enthusiasm, and energy. He came to New York, to Columbia University, and he fell in love with another smart, enterprising, and handsome young man. Knowing about AIDS, they decided to live with each other and be faithful to each other. They set up house together, like people in love want to and often do. Then Mike's lover came down with AIDS—because no one is safe now, no one who has had sex in the past ten or fifteen years. This is a very slow virus, which often hides for a very long time.

Mike took care of his lover devotedly, hoping against hope that someone might know more today than ten years ago and he might survive and their relationship survive. But his lover got very, very sick. He could not seem to get any better. He got worse and worse and, when they thought it could not get any

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worse, it got worse. This is a horrible illness: wasting, wretched, and painful. It's ghastly to watch, witness, and endure. It's expensive; the medicines one must have cost thousands of dollars. Insurance companies only pay part of these costs or not at all because the drugs are experimental. They're not approved yet by that slow process in Washington that must approve everything before an insurance company is forced to pay.

Two young people just starting out in life cannot afford to be sick from AIDS. One night Mike came home and found his lover had taken an overdose and left him a note saying goodbye. Mike ran to his friend's body and real-

ized that he was still breathing, and was still alive. Then began the most torturous moments of Mike's life. Should he let him die? Should he call Emergency and try to save him? Save him for what? For more of this awful, hateful, wasting, wretched illness? "Let him die," once voice said. But what if he got better? What if a new drug comes along in the next few months? "Save him," another voice said. "Oh, yes, save him, because . . . because this is the man I love and the man I want to spend the rest of my life with."

Can you imagine having to deal with a decision like this? Mike is only a year or two older than you are. What would you have done?

He saved him. His lover was saved and lived six more tortured months in excruciating, wretched discomfort and pain before he died. To this day, Mike has not forgiven himself for not letting his lover die the first time round.

I guess it's when I hear experiences like this that I get more energy to keep

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on fighting. More than any statistic, these are the things that hit home. How can life be so cruel? How can we not fight against this? How can we not keep hoping that a government and a president, and a John Sununu, and a country will finally pay attention?

Only an all-out effort by the president and federal government in concert with governments around the globe can now defeat AIDS. They alone have the resources and authority to win. President Bush must put one person in charge of AIDS and grant this person emergency powers to cut through the red tape. AIDS must be made top priority. Anything less will condemn 20 million people to death.

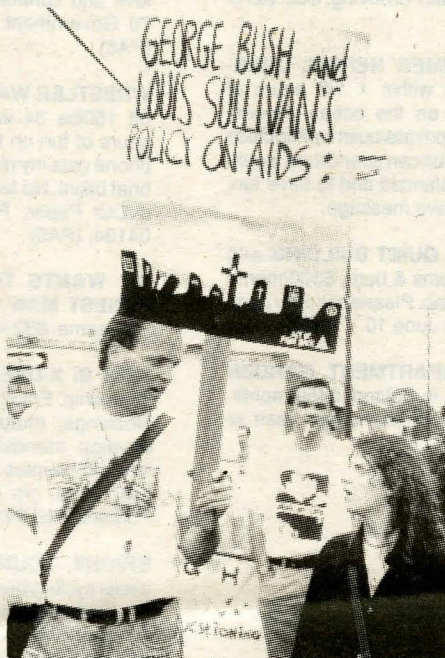
As matters now stand I believe nothing, at present or in the near future, is going to save the lives of those presently infected. Despite what you read or hear or see or are told, AIDS is not a manageable disease. I don't see anything that makes me think AIDS is going to be a manageable disease in my lifetime or the lifetime of the other 20 million infected. John Sununu knows this. George Bush knows this. Every doctor in every hospital knows this. And now you know it too. Twenty million people are going to die.

"Twenty million people are going to die."

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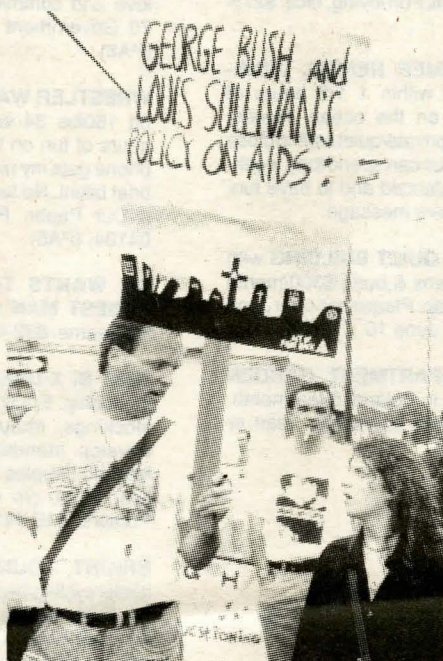
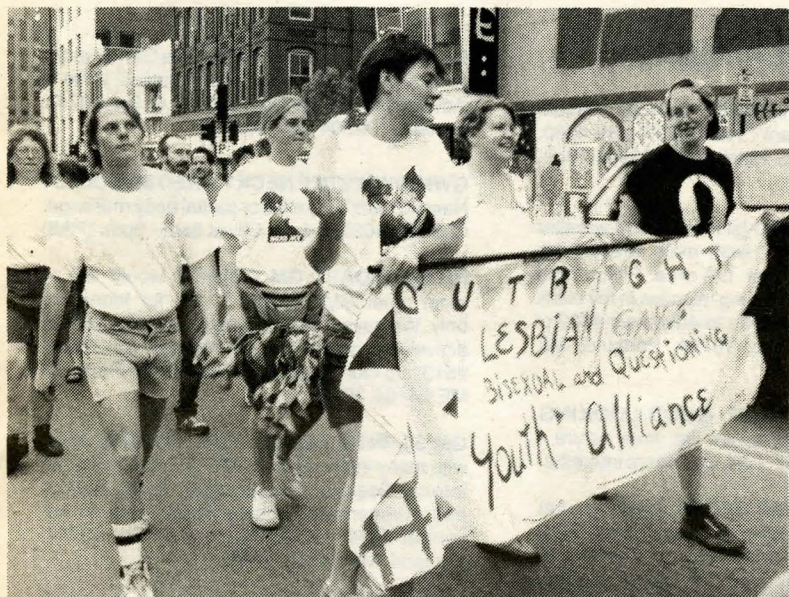
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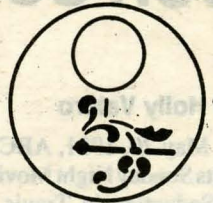
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Review

OUR SONS

by Holly Valero

May 20, 1991, ABC offered Our Sons as its Sunday Night Movie. It was up against A Seduction in Travis County on CBS, another reworked "fatal attraction" movie. NBC came up with Knight Rider 2000, proving that the cult sitcom My Mother, the Car was just too far ahead of its time to be appreciated.

None of the movies sounded that compelling, so Our Sons won by default. It least it had something to do with gay issues. Julie Andrews plays the high-class mother with the attractive and healthy son. Ann-Margret plays the white-trash mom with the son dying as a result of AIDS. These women meet by virtue of the fact that their sons were lovers, and spend most of the movie trying to come to grips with the whole scenario.

No stretch marks could be found upon the character played by Julie Andrews. Just picture Mary Poppins with a bit of an edge. Uptight, proper, cultured, and wealthy with a yard stick sewn into the back seam of all

her business suits. Ann-Margret plays the no-count, low-class character that offsets Julie Andrews. Every stereotype in the book was dragged out for Ann; smoking, bleached-brillo wig, bumpkin accent. In case those clues were too subtle, the directors planted her in a mobile home park, and sound-tracked her with country music.

American television revolves upon the theme that good guys and bad guys must be clearly defined at all times. Since good guys fight bad guys, most films rely on combativedialogue and behavior - or slapstick - as a means of exploring the characters. This film teeters on a tightrope between the two and, as a result leaves the audience perpetually dangling. The sarcastic wit between the two men becomes pathetic rather quickly. I don't believe that two people in love would splinter off that way in a time of tragedy. Where was the vulnerability so crucial to bond with a character in trouble?

Julie Andrews and Ann-Margret work with a script that is not sure if it's supposed to be a comedy or drama. Julie, overcome by her slumming episode in the trailer park, instructs her chauffeur to get her out of there as if her life depended upon it. You figure she'll hit the next salon for a full facial and sauna to purge the impurities. The locals walk around Julie's car ogling it like a religious object - just to make sure that the audience knows that nothing better than a burnt-out pinto had ever been in that neck of the woods. Attempts at drama between the two usually boiled down to anger and embitterment. In the end, facing the death of one son, both moms adapt as best they can. Big deal.

Here are a few suggestions that might have made the movie a bit more interesting: swap characters to let Julie Andrews play the white-trash and give Ann-Margret the limo, and how about gay characters that look less like models and more like real people. This film could have had a lot more

punch with two gay men with a mixed-race marriage, or one mother with a gay son and - holy double whammy - lesbian daughter!

This movie went out on a very short limb on a small tree. I give it points for at least tackling the topics, though that may simply be a ratings-booster maneuver. As far as the overall theme, something inside me is getting tired of gay and lesbian films where the main characters spend two hours begging to be accepted by those around them, only to receive some token acceptance for which they - quite literally - have to die. I'd like to see the straight community drop their homophobic sandbags so that the gay and lesbian community could break through this heterosexual roadblock.

I give this film 2 pink triangles.

[triangle code: 1 = Switch to Reruns of My Three Sons; 2 = At Least You Gave It a Shot, 3 = Pretty Good, 4 = Better Than I Expected, 5 = Set Up The VCR and Save This One.]

MARKING SKINNER

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stuck pig and almost went into shock. Wish I'd have seen that. Anyway, you think she's my type? I hate dumpin' chicks, you know?"

"God you are so gallant Trevor." The sarcasm went undetected. He puffed his chest out. "How about you check her out this time Trev. We're not in high school anymore. See, those girls don't know that. They'll be really impressed if you approach them yourself."

"Ya, I think you're onto something." His eyebrows climbed his forehead, then fell. It was deep thought. "Hey," Great recovery. "Scott's looking for you."

"Where is he?"

"He's in Skinner's room. Trashed. Wasted..." He continued to flex his biceps of synonyms for the word drunk but I was gone by the time he said 'gone'. I was already passing the six foot fat boy with the funnel down his throat.

Skinner's room was a pit. It smelled like vomit which smelled like cheese doodles. Skinner was in a corner passed out with a red Sweetheart plastic cup still in his hand between his legs with the other hand draped gently over the rim of a white Styrofoam cooler. His head lay back against the crotch of Cheryl Teigs standing in a poster. His mouth was open.

Scott was half lying, half sitting on the bottom bunk of the beds, his arms stretched out along the wall. He was a capital T. He was Jesus on the cross. He was the chalk outline of a murder.

"What's that shit?" I asked him, pointing to the cooler. It felt like my voice was a part of the Quiet Riot album that was playing.

"Grain." He groaned. "White lightning!" He tightened his vocal chords for that one. His head lolled. I was getting irritated standing there trying to communicate with him.

"What'd you want Scott."

"Want? What?" He was pale and looking defeated and old like a grandfather.

"Forget it." I started to leave the room, dragging my feet as a joke to me, a joke of exaggerated self-pity at not having found my niche anywhere. I stopped suddenly and spun on a sneakered heel. "Scott? You know that girl Maya?"

"She dint get raped. She asked for it." His voice whined, cutting painfully through my head. He was a capital T for traitor. He was Jesus on the cross. He was drooling like a dog.

"That's crap!" Something had taken over inside of me. My subconscious was on auto-pilot. "Maya did not ask for it! She did not ask to drop school, to drop nursing, to drop all her goddamn little girlfriends who look just like her! She didn't ask to have her body, her mind violated, desecrated! She didn't ask to leave eighteen behind as a grotesque and violent memory that will never ever leave her!" Now I was crying for Maya and all the other girls, all the other women.

"Skinner! Heeeeey Skinner! She asked for it, dint she? Skinner says she asked for it." He assured me.

"Skinner raped Maya?" It was hot. It burned, sickly.

"Skinner did it." Again the assurance. "Boned her. She loved it." His nose wrinkled. He was smiling. It was a nau-

seous smile.

To hear Scott talk like that made me want to kill him, and even more to kill Skinner. I took Scott's half full red cup and threw it at Cheryl Teigs just above Skinner's head. The grain alcohol soaked him and dripped into his open mouth.

"What are you doing!" Anne was standing in the doorway. She was laughing a gut quenching laugh until she saw my tears.

"Why? Why do they do it? Where do they think they get the right. There supposed to be Catholics. Pious assholes. Their god allows them to do this?" My anger was shooting in all directions, Yosemite Sam. Yet it was muted by a peace that pulsed in my core.

"Do what? Do what? Drink themselves into La La Land? Big yank. Everybody does it." Anne was still attached to the attitude I had had only minutes before. I hooked her and pulled her over; detached her from detachment.

"Skinner is the one who raped Maya."

She walked over to Skinner and kicked him. His head bounced on the cement wall and came to rest again in the crotch on the poster.

"Trash." She snarled. "How'd you find out?" Anne looked down on him like he was a thousand crawling maggots.

"Scott." I pointed to Scott who had passed out also. They looked so young now, like any minute they would rub their eyes with their knuckles and say 'Mommy? Would you get us a glass of water?'

"What do you want to do to him?" Anne worked in mysterious and identical

ways with me. She went to the door, shut and locked it. Someone on the other side yelled "Skinner's getting lucky!"

"Skinner's getting lucky alright." We laughed. I went to the sink and picked up a razor. We shaved his head, legs and one eyebrow.

"Soon as we're done here. We'll call the police. He's getting arrested."

"I hope they castrate him." Anne added curtly as she squirted shaving creme in his ears and on his eyelashes.

I found a Magic Marker and spelled RAPIST in red letters over his entire bald fleshy head. It was then that I stepped back from the delirium of trashing Skinner. It seemed so wrong, it wasn't my right, was it? Marking Skinner released a sadness so ubiquitous and intense that it left an indelible stain on me.

Anne continued. She took off his pants. "Gross. He pissed. Pig." She took the marker and wrote KICK ME on his stomach and an arrow pointing down. We didn't even know he was dead.

"Do you think he'll find out that it was us?" Anne said stepping back to see if we had done enough.

"Do we care?" Sarcasm was settling back in.

We went out the door leaving it open so everyone could read Skinner. A group of women were staring at me shyly from up the hall. I heard the s's and sh's as I walked by.

"How does she do it? How does she do it?" They whisper. One of them carefully reached out to touch my arm.

"There's blood on your neck."

"It's o.k.," I smiled. "It's not mine."

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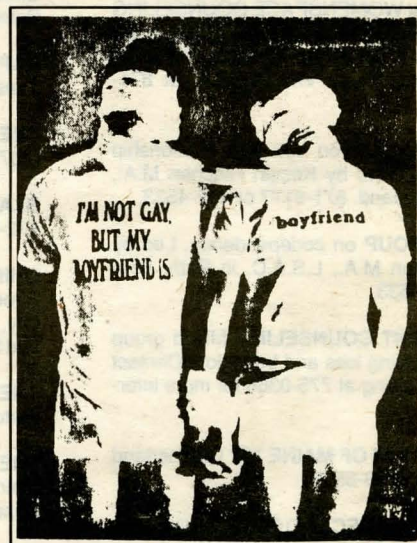
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